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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 17 POINTS

The November 2006 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 115 (1991=100) was up 17 points from October's revised level and up 30 points from November 2005. The mid-November price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and eggs increased from October. The mid-month price for all hogs decreased from the previous month.

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gilts, and eggs increased from the previous year's level. The mid-November price for sows and all milk decreased from the November 2005 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 92 was up 6 points from last month's revised index and 3 points above November 2005. The Crop Price Index of 129 was up 23 points from the revised index last month and 46 points above last year.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 2006 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		November 2005	October 2006	November 15 2006	November 2005	October 2006	November 15 2006
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	1.71	2.70	3.37	1.77	2.54	3.12
Soybeans	Bu.	5.58	5.62	6.31	5.62	5.52	6.15
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.02	3.51	3.91	3.27	4.63	4.65
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	1.64	1.77	1.97
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton	6/	6/	6/	91.70	107.00	106.00
Alfalfa Hay ^{2/}	Ton	6/	6/	6/	98.30	112.00	109.00
Other Hay ^{2/}	Ton	6/	6/	6/	80.00	93.80	98.10
Apples ^{2/}	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.294	.373	.341
All Hogs	Cwt.	42.50	45.80	44.00	43.50	46.50	44.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	42.60	46.20	44.30	43.80	47.00	44.80
Sows	Cwt.	41.90	40.40	39.40	37.30	36.90	36.10
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	90.80	88.50	84.40
Milk Cows ^{3/}	Head	3/	1650.00	3/	3/	1650.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	16.20	13.70	13.70	15.10	13.50	13.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.30	13.80	4/	15.10	13.50	13.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	13.30	12.20	4/	14.30	12.70	13.10
Eggs ^{5/}	Doz.	.480	.370	.680	.484	.382	.675
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.545	.634	.671

^{1/} Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. ^{2/} Mid-month Price. ^{3/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. ^{4/} Only Whole-month Price published. ^{5/} Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ^{6/} Monthly estimates discontinued. ^{7/} Not Published.

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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS DECREASES 4 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in October 2006. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of October 8-14, 2006 totaled 48,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.63.

There were 1,077,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 8-14, 2006, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 797,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 280,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.95 per hour during the October 2006 reference week, up 34 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.25 per hour, up 35 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.41 per hour compared with \$9.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.29 per hour, was up 33 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 1 percent from a year ago.

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2005-2006 ^{1/} ^{2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Hired Workers on Farms	50	48	842	797
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	33	621	592
149 Days or Less	17	15	221	205
	<u>Hours</u>			
Hours Worked Per Week	42.1	40.5	42.0	41.6
	<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	9.88	10.12	8.90	9.25
Livestock	8.68	9.04	9.15	9.41
Field & Livestock	9.57	9.75	8.96	9.29
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.10	10.63	9.61	9.95

^{1/} Reference weeks were October 8-14 in 2006 and October 9-15 in 2005. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on November 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2005 and 6 percent above November 1, 2004. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.43 million, 13 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.34 million head. This is the second

lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 840,000, 600-699 pounds were 645,000, 700-799 pounds were 485,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 455,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2005 but 2 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 81,000 during October, 40 percent above 2005 and 23 percent above 2004.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during October 2006 totaled 138.5 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,700 cattle killed totaled 3.9 million pounds. The 300 calves slaughtered during October 2006 totaled 36,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 681,700 hogs killed totaled 180.7 million pounds. The 2,300 sheep slaughtered during October 2006 totaled 255,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during October 2006 totaled 4.18 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in October 2005. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 7 percent from October 2005. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,288 pounds. Veal production totaled 14.1 million pounds, 12 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 63,500 head, up 13 percent from October 2005. The average live weight was 8 pounds below last

year, at 362 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.92 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, 6 percent above October 2005. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 236,000 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.9	3.7	32.0	31.1	2,679.2	2,855.5	27,052.4	28,234.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,049	1,053	1,043	1,045	1,280	1,288	1,251	1,270
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	4,086	3,877	33,391	32,496	3,428,297	3,678,846	33,846,337	35,849,288
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.2	0.3	3.0	1.9	56.4	63.5	618.0	576.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	129	129	129	129	370	362	350	363
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	26	36	387	246	20,894	23,032	216,537	209,392
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	624.7	681.7	5,813.1	6,096.5	9,118.1	9,636.2	85,213.8	86,488.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	264	265	264	263	269	269	268	269
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	164,739	180,67	1,535,64	1,605,79	2,449,676	2,596,678	22,833,774	23,285,290
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	1.9	2.3	21.0	21.5	228.2	236.0	2,242.4	2,246.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	111	110	108	108	138	132	138	137
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	215	255	2,269	2,325	31,403	31,062	308,716	308,258

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 556 million eggs during October 2006, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 24.3 million, was slightly below last month but 2 percent above last year. The rate of lay, at 2,286 eggs per 100 layers, was down 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.90 million egg-type chicks during October, down 7 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-October 2006 was 48.8 million, down 4 percent from the same period of 2005.



U.S. egg production totaled 7.67 billion during October 2006, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2006 averaged 344 million, up slightly from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,231 eggs, down slightly from October 2005. Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2006 totaled 36.3 million, up 2 percent from October 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on November 1, 2006, down 3 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., OCTOBER 2005-2006

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,788	24,322	102	342,823	343,776	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,299	2,286	99	2,236	2,231	100
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	547	556	102	7,665	7,671	100
Table Eggs (millions)	535	544	102	6,561	6,604	101
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,104	1,067	97
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,293	4,901	93	35,461	36,271	102
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	776,449	771,822	99

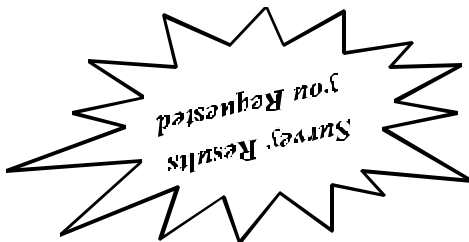
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